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Amendment to the Claims:

Claims 1-24 (cancelled)

Claim 25 (currently amended): A process for making alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycosides comprising:

- (a) providing a glucose sirup;
- (b) providing a fatty alcohol;
- (c) combining the glucose sirup with the fatty alcohol in order to form a glucose sirup/fatty alcohol suspension;
- (d) providing an acidic catalyst;
- (e) adding the acidic catalyst to the glucose sirup/fatty alcohol suspension;
- (f) drying the glucose sirup/fatty alcohol suspension ~~at a temperature gradient of from about 70 to 120°C~~ to form a dried glucose sirup/fatty alcohol suspension; and
- (g) acetalizing the dried glucose sirup/fatty alcohol suspension containing the acidic catalyst over a temperature gradient of from about 70 to 120°C to form the alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycosides.

Claim 26 (previously added) The process of claim 25 wherein the glucose sirup has a solids content of from 50 to 85% by weight, based on the weight of the glucose sirup.

Claim 27 (previously added) The process of claim 25 wherein the glucose sirup has a monomeric glucose content of from 80 to 99.9% by weight, based on the weight of the glucose sirup.

Claim 28 (previously added) The process of claim 25 wherein the glucose sirup of (a) is in supercooled melt form.

Claim 29 (previously added) The process of claim 25 wherein the fatty alcohol of (b) is preheated to a temperature of from 25 to 40°C.

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Claim 30 (previously added) The process of claim 25 wherein the fatty alcohol corresponds to formula (I):



wherein R^1 is an aliphatic, linear or branched hydrocarbon radical having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms, and up to 3 double bonds.

Claim 31 (previously added) The process of claim 25 wherein the glucose sirup and fatty alcohol are combined in a molar ratio of from 1:1 to 1:10.

Claim 32 (previously added) The process of claim 25 wherein the catalyst is added to the glucose sirup/fatty alcohol suspension in an amount of from 0.1 to 5% by weight, based on the weight of the suspension.

Claim 33 (previously added) The process of claim 25 wherein the process is carried out discontinuously in a stirred tank reactor.

Claim 34 (previously added) The process of claim 25 wherein the process is carried out in a cascade of from 3 to 6 stirred reactors.

Claim 35 (previously added) The process of claim 34 wherein the glucose sirup/fatty alcohol suspension is dried in the first reactor.

Claim 36 (previously added) The process of claim 34 wherein the cascade of stirred reactors has a pressure gradient of from 20 to 50 mbar.

Claim 37 (previously added) The process of claim 25 wherein acetalization is carried out under reduced pressure.